

A Transcript of the First Lesson in Usool as Sittah (The Six Principles)

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The First Principle: *Ikhlaas* (Sincerity)

The noble *Shaykh* (May Allaah preserve him) mentioned that *Ash-Shaykh* Muhammad ibn Abdil Wahab (May Allaah have mercy upon him) began these fundamentals, *Usool as Sittah*, with the first fundamental *ikhlaas ad-deen lillaah ta'ala*; making the religion of Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'ala*) sincerely for Him alone with no partners, and clarifying the opposite which is *Ash-Shirk*.

Most of the Quran is a clarification of this fundamental from several or numerous angles with a speech that is understood of those who are the slowest of the general folks in understanding. Then what has taken place upon most of the nations; *Ash-shaytaan* made *Ikhlaas* appear in a form that it is belittling the righteous and falling short in regards to their rights. And he (*Shaytaan*) made apparent for them doing *Shirk* with Allaah in a form of showing love for the righteous and their followers.

So the noble *Shaykh* (may Allaah preserve him) said that: Oh my brothers, that the word *Al-Asl*, fundamental, is that which is built upon it other than it, like the principle and foundation. That which the Prophets and Messengers began their *Dawah* with is the fundamental of *Ikhlaas*, which the first person treads his way with Allaah (*Subhanahu Ta'ala*) is upon this fundamental and what this contains of is that Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'ala*) has sent down His Books, and sent His Messengers to make the religion sincerely for Him (Allaah) and to single Him (Allaah) out in worship, and to put away with *Shirk*. Allaah (*Subhanahu Ta'ala*) has clarified this fundamental in His Book and the Messenger (*Salallaahu alayhi wa sallam*) in his *Sunnah* with his statements and actions and he strived greatly against the opposite of this, and establishing this. Yet, with these commands and with *Tawheed*, some people have fallen into *Shirk* and have answered *Shaytaan*. Whereas *Shaytaan* has deceived them and have made apparent to them *Shirk* in a beautiful and adorned form, and have made apparent to them *Tawheed* in an awful form. So the Noble *Shaykh* mentioned that this is a general meaning of this fundamental which is made easy.

The Noble *Shaykh* (May Allaah preserve him) said that *Shaykh* Muhammad ibn Abdil Wahab (May Allaah have mercy upon him) mentioned the fundamental *Ikhlaas* which is *Tbaadah* from the creation of *Thaqalayn*, mankind and jinn, for Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'ala*) and this fundamental is the *Hanafiyyah*, *As-Samhah* is that singling out Allaah in worship and devoting oneself to Allaah and turning away from that which is other than that. And it is Islaam that which Allaah has commanded with, to submit oneself to Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'ala*) fully. And making the religion sincerely for Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'ala*) is obedience to Him, and

submitting to Him. And the word 'Deen' is expressed as the meaning of *Shari'ah* legislation of Allaah.

And making the religion sincerely for Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'alaah*) means *ifradul-ibadah*: singling out the worship for Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'alaah*) as Ibn Qayyim mentioned in the book, *Madarij as-Saalikeen*, it means "it is singling out Allaah the One who is the truth with intention and obedience."

So this is the reality of sincerity; is to single Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'alaah*) with worship from that which is apparent from actions and hidden. And this is what is indicated from the Quran and *Sunnah*, which are many, and from the Book of Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'alaah*) where Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'alaah*) mentions:

وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا

"Worship Allaah and do not associate any partners with Him or anything with Him." Surah An Nisaa

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And also the statement of Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'alaah*):

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ فَاعْبُدِ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ الدِّينَ

أَلَا لِلَّهِ الدِّينُ الْخَالِصُ

"Verily, We have sent down the Book to you (O Muhammad Sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam) in truth: So worship Allâh (Alone) by doing religious deeds sincerely for Allâh's sake only. Surely, the religion (i.e. the worship and the obedience) is for Allâh only". Surah az zumar 2-3

And also the statement of Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'alaah*):

قُلْ إِنِّي أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ الدِّينَ

"Say (O Muhammad sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam): "Verily, I am commanded to worship Allâh (Alone) by obeying Him and doing religious deeds sincerely for His sake only." Surah az zumar 11

And also the statement of Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'alaah*):

وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ حُنَفَاءَ

"And they were commanded not, but that they should worship Allâh, and worship none but Him Alone (abstaining from ascribing partners to Him)" Surah al bayyina 5

And also the Prophet (*salallaahu alayhi wa sallam*) said, on the authority of Tariq bin Ashyam (May Allaah be pleased with him), that has been authentically reported by Imam Muslim in his Saheeh that the Prophet Muhammad (*salallaahu alayhi wa sallam*) said: "Whosoever says *la illaha illa-allaah* and disbelieves from that which is worshipped other than Allaah than his wealth, and his blood has become sacred and his reckoning is upon Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'alaa*)."

So how many proofs and evidences from the Quran and *Sunnah* pertaining to *Ikhlaas* are there? For verily there are many as singling out Allaah in worship from that which a person worships Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'alaa*) with, from that which he seeks of good and removing of harm; from all types of acts or worship.

The statement of the author (May Allaah have mercy upon him), where he says: it is a clarification of the opposite (*ikhlaas*) which is *shirk* (worshipping others along with Allaah), how many proofs and evidences that you find in the Quran and *Sunnah* that clarifies the dispraise of *shirk* and the dispraise of its people. As it is found in the book of Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'alaa*), that He (*subahanallaahu ta'alaa*) said:

إِنَّهُ مَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ

Verily, whosoever sets up partners (in worship) with Allâh, then Allâh has forbidden Paradise to him, and the Fire will be his abode. Al Maaidah 72

And also the statement of Allaah (*subahanallaahu ta'alaa*):

وَلَقَدْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ لَئِنْ أَشْرَكْتَ لَيَحْبَطَنَّ عَمَلُكَ وَلَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

بَلِ اللَّهُ فَاعْبُدْ وَكُنْ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ

"And indeed it has been revealed to you (O Muhammad sallalaahu 'alaihi wasallam), as it was to those (Allâh's Messengers) before you: "If you join others in worship with Allâh, (then) surely (all) your deeds will be in vain, and you will certainly be among the losers. Nay! But worship Allâh (Alone and none else), and be among the grateful." surah az zumar 65-66

And also the statement of Allaah (*subhanallaahu ta'alaa*):

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ

"Verily, Allâh forgives not that partners should be set up with Him (in worship), but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He wills" Surah An Nisa 48

End of First class, more to come inshaa Allaah.